## Coming Events - Term 1

### Week 5
- **Monday, 23 February**
  - NO CANTEEN
  - Keira 2 Parent Information Session
  - Nebo 3 Parent Information Session
- **Tuesday, 24 February**
  - Student Banking
  - First Whole School Assembly 1:50pm
  - NO CANTEEN
- **Wednesday, 25 February**
  - Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am
  - Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am
  - Figtree HS Expo Night 6:00pm
  - District Swimming Carnival
- **Thursday, 26 February**
  - Nebo 4 Parent Information Session
- **Friday, 27 February**
  - No Newsletter
  - Years 3-6 Assembly – Primary COLA
  - Clean Up Australia Day at school

### Week 6
- **Sunday, 1 March**
  - National Clean Up Australia Day
- **Monday, 2 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
  - Kembla 2 Parent Information Session
- **Tuesday, 3 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
  - Ossley 1 & 2 Parent Information Sessions
  - No Assembly
- **Wednesday, 4 March**
  - Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am
  - Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am
  - Kembla 1 Parent Information Session
  - Nebo 2 Parent Information Session
- **Thursday, 5 March**
  - Newsletter
  - WHSPA Audition Forms returned to High School

### Week 7
- **Monday, 9 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
  - Easter Raffle tickets go home
- **Tuesday, 10 March**
  - Student Banking
  - Whole School Assembly 1:50pm
  - NO CANTEEN
- **Wednesday, 11 March**
  - Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am
  - Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am
  - Fundraising Meeting – 6:30pm
  - P&C meeting - 7:00pm
- **Thursday, 12 March**
  - Selective HS placement test
- **Friday, 13 March**
  - Years 3-6 Assembly – Primary COLA
  - Family Fun Night 5:30pm-7:30pm

### Week 8
- **Monday, 16 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
  - Kinder Vision Testing notes returned
- **Tuesday, 17 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
  - Kinder Vision Testing 9:00am
  - No Assembly
- **Wednesday, 18 March**
  - Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am
  - Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am
- **Thursday, 19 March**
  - No Newsletter

### Week 9
- **Monday, 23 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
- **Tuesday, 24 March**
  - Student Banking
  - Whole School Assembly 1:50pm
  - NO CANTEEN
- **Wednesday, 25 March**
  - Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am
  - Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am
  - Fete Meeting – 6:30pm
- **Thursday, 26 March**
  - Selective HS placement test
- **Friday, 27 March**
  - Years 3-6 Assembly – Primary COLA
  - Easter Raffle tickets due back
  - Yrs 3-6 Cross Country
- **Saturday, 28 March**
  - Bunnings BBQ –Helpers needed
  - Election Day Cake Stall–Helpers needed

### Week 10
- **Monday, 30 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
- **Tuesday, 31 March**
  - NO CANTEEN
  - No Assembly
- **Wednesday, 1 April**
  - Uniform Shop Open 8:30 – 9:30am
  - Enviro Working Bee 9:00am-11:00am
  - Easter Egg Multi
  - Easter Egg Wrapping
  - Draw Prizes
- **Thursday, 2 April**
  - K-2 Easter Hat Parade
  - Last Day Term 1
  - Have a safe and happy Easter break!
- **Friday, 3 April**
  - GOOD FRIDAY

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**PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME:**

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the swimming carnival on Thursday, 12 February – most of the fun was through participation and cheering on the swimmers in your house!
Many thanks to all the parents who supported the children and teachers throughout the carnival in a variety of ways. Your support greatly contributed to the success of the carnival.

Congratulations to Mr Davies for organising a successful carnival and all the teachers for their enormous support.

Congratulations to all the students who will go on to participate and represent our school at the District Swimming Carnival.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL STARS
Good luck to our 43 swimmers who will be competing in the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday, 25 February at Unanderra Pool.

We wish these students all the best and hope they have a most enjoyable and successful day.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
On Friday, 13 March, 2015 between 5.30pm – 7.30pm, the P&C will be organising a Family Fun Night full of fun for the kids and providing the opportunity for parents to meet up with each other.

This is a great way to start off the year and we encourage all families to attend. Enjoy a sausage sizzle or steak sandwich and a drink while you sit back and relax as the children are entertained with a variety of entertainment.

A reminder that:
- Department of Education and Communities policy states that school grounds are ALCOHOL and SMOKE FREE ZONES.
- Skateboards, scooters and bikes are not allowed on school grounds at any time, including after school functions.
- All children must be accompanied by their parents for this event.

I hope you are able to attend and I look forward to seeing you there.

LEADERS’ INDUCTION ASSEMBLY
The Leaders’ Induction Ceremony for School Captains, School Vice-Captains, House Captains and School Representative Council (SRC) representatives for 2015 was held yesterday, Thursday, 19 February.

Congratulations to the following students:

CAPTAINS
GIRL: Caitlyn
BOY: Alex

VICE-CAPTAINS
GIRL: Imogen
BOY: Ronan

HOUSE CAPTAINS
WARATAH:
BOY: Luke, Nicholas
GIRL: Imogen, Zoe

GUM:
BOY: Joshua, Clarence
GIRL: Mya, Sailina

WATTLE:
BOY: Matt, Braxton
GIRL: Jemmia, Brooke

SRC MEMBERS:
KEIRA 1: Zenya Ari
KEIRA 2: Jayden, Lucy
OUSLEY 1: Elis, Jayla
OUSLEY 2: Elii, Ben
NEBO 1: Jack, Bridie
NEBO 2: Joshua, Brooke
NEBO 3: Angus, Georgia
NEBO 4: Isaac, Zoe
KEMBLA 1: Charlotte, Sang
KEMBLA 2: Zac, Jessica

Special congratulations must go to our new Captains; Caitlyn and Alex, and Vice Captains; Imogen and Ronan for successfully leading their first assembly with such confidence and grace. They are already setting a wonderful example to the whole school.

CHANGE OF DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING
Parents, please be aware that the School Banking Day will change from a Tuesday to a Friday from the beginning of Term 2.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND UPDATE
After seven months of inquiry with Wollongong Council with regard to the maintenance and upkeep of our Community Playground, I recently received written notification that Wollongong City Council will no longer be able to provide assistance in the maintenance of our school playground. Council also added that they are currently installing a new playground in nearby Mangerton Park that the children and community will have access to.

So, after months of waiting for a definitive answer regarding the ownership and responsibility of the playground equipment, we have now been able to take action to have the broken items fixed at a cost of $871.20 to the school.

In consultation with the P&C Committee members, the school playground area will be locked each afternoon by
staff and will no longer be open to the public after school hours.
In the near future, I would like to form a Play Equipment Committee to investigate the future of this school resource and the likely repair and maintenance costs, to ensure the safety for all our students.

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS 2016 YEAR 7 AUDITIONS
An Information Package and Application Form for enrolment at WHSPA in 2016 as a Performing Arts student is available now. Any other parents who are interested in their child auditioning, are requested to pick up a package from the Mount St Thomas PS front office.

Please take the completed forms to the Principal at WHSPA by Friday, 6 March 2015.

HAVE YOU GOT THE SKOOLBAG APP?
Download our communication app Skoolbag. Skoolbag is a school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone and Android devices.
To download the app, simply search for Mount St Thomas Public School in your App/Play Store.

FIGTREE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS - ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CLASS 2015
Year 5 students are invited to apply to attend the Figtree Community of Schools Academic Enrichment Class 2015. The class will be located at Figtree High School for one day per week (Wednesday) for 15 weeks during terms two and three. The class will consist of selected Year 5 students from the 8 primary schools in the Figtree Community of Schools. Students will need to sit for an entrance test to be selected.

If you are interested in your child applying for this class, please pick up an Application Form from the front office.

Completed Application Forms need to be returned to school by Tuesday 10 March 2015.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL
Children should not arrive at school before 8:30am as there is no playground supervision until 8:30am. All children (K-6) who arrive just before 8:30am, are required to sit quietly under the big COLA until the bell rings. No games are to be played before 8:30am.

If your child is late for class, you must get a Late Note from the office before you take your child to class.

PICKING UP CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL
Parents are requested to ensure that their children are collected from school ASAP after 3.00pm. Most teachers have other duties, meetings or appointments to attend to and may need to also leave at 3.00pm.

Safety Issues:
- I urge parents to collect their K-2 children directly from their classroom area in the afternoon. Please do not arrange for your young child to look for you parked on the street or to cross the road alone.
- Parents are also reminded that children are not to be taken home by another adult unless a written permission note has been forwarded to the class teacher and the administration office. (It is imperative that all your family and emergency contact details are up to date).

AFTER SCHOOL CARE- NON ATTENDANCE
If your child attends After School Care and for some reason will not attend any of their allotted days (eg. they are absent from school or going home with a parent), please ring the After School Care organisers and the school to inform them of these changes.

A lot of time is spent by worried teachers and office staff following up absent children when the After School Care bus arrives, when a phone call would have avoided this problem.

RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL
It is school policy that only children in Years 3-6 may ride their bikes to school.

This permission has been given on the understanding that the following conditions apply:
- a bike helmet is worn at all times;
- bike safety rules are adhered to travelling to and from school;
- bikes are safe and roadworthy;
- all bikes are secured to the bike rack;
- the school takes no responsibility for loss or damaged to bikes; and
- bikes are only ever walked in the school grounds.

If your child rides a bike to school it would be appreciated if you could discuss these rules with him / her and ensure that helmets, bike chains, etc. are used and that the bike is roadworthy.

Skateboards and scooters are not allowed on school grounds at any time, this includes after-school functions as well.
We would prefer to be pro-active rather than deal with these issues after a bad accident.
HOW TO MAKE PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS - (POP)
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Please note: Voluntary School Contributions cannot be paid using POP. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

MONEY COLLECTION AT SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that if they are sending money to school for excursions, performances, etc. the following procedures should be adhered to:

• Correct money, (change is not always possible) and permission note to be placed in a sealed envelope (preferably taped as money can fall out);
• Your child’s name, class, amount of money and reason e.g. “Zoo Excursion” should be written on the front of the envelope; and
• If paying by POP, please record the receipt number on the permission note and return it to school. Your child will be unable to attend the school activity without a signed permission note.

Your co-operation in this matter would be most appreciated.

IMPETIGO
If your child has been diagnosed with impetigo, they are allowed to return to school once appropriate treatment is being supplied and those sores on exposed surfaces are properly covered with dressings.

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL RANGER SERVICES
Wollongong City Council Ranger Services regularly visit schools in the Local Government Area and numerous infringement notices have been issued. The Ranger Service is responding to a very large number of calls about dangerous drivers picking up and setting down children in school zones.

To avoid confrontation at schools, Rangers will situate themselves very obviously and photograph offending vehicles. They will post out fines rather than risk a confrontation with drivers, in front of their children.

Please help us reduce the risk to our children and help stop these few putting the many at risk.

Have a great week.

Regards,
Christine Schnelli
PRINCIPAL

The school uniform shop is open on:
WEDNESDAY: 8:30am – 9:15am

SPORTS NEWS:

CENTRAL DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL REMINDER
The Central District Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday, 25 February. Parents transporting students other than their own children to the Central District Swimming Carnival, will need to show their driver’s licence and sign a working with children form at the office.

Many thanks for your support.
Peter Davies – Sports Coordinator

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2015
This year, students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the 'Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition', run by The Arts Unit (DEC). (Note, only 2 students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 can be selected to progress from the school to the local final).

To enter, students need to prepare a speech from a list of given topics (with a multicultural perspective), and also deliver an impromptu speech with 5 minutes preparation time. It is important to note, each speech is weighted equally.

Interested students will need to compete at the school level for a place at the local final, which is held in Term 2. Those interested in competing should see Mrs Brown for further details and an information sheet.
Mrs Karen Brown
Public Speaking Coordinator

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CANTEEN NEWS:

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN CLOSED: Every Monday & Tuesday

TRADING HOURS: 8:30am to 2:00pm
Wednesday to Friday

The Canteen Menu is now available at both recess and lunch.

NEW ITEMS: Macaroni Cheese $3.50
Potato Bake $3.50

Please order all hot food prior to 9:00am.

Cheers,
Gail– Canteen Supervisor

P&C NEWS:

Bunnings BBQ

Saturday 28th March 2015
8.00 – 4.00 pm

The Bunnings BBQ is a great way for the P&C Association to raise some much-needed funds. All we need is one hour of your time to come and help us cook and serve sausages to all the hungry Wollongong Bunnings customers.

SAVE THE DATE – Volunteer’s Needed
(Note to come home soon)

Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 28th March 2015
8.00 – 4.00 pm

P & C SUBSCRIPTIONS
To update your financial membership with the P&C, a subscription of $1.00 per parent is now being taken at the office.

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[name - please print]
I have enclosed $1.00 for P&C membership.

Signed:…………………………………………………………………
Date:………………………………………………………………

IMPORTANT
Managing ANAPHYLAXIS in our School
We currently have 7 students in our school with severe food allergies (anaphylaxis) to combinations of all types of nuts, eggs and dairy.

In order to minimise the risk in our school, I am requesting that parents not send peanut butter on sandwiches or any nut products to school in your child’s lunch box, especially, if a class member is Anaphylactic, in early primary years.

Please check below to see if there is an anaphylactic child in your child’s class.

Bringing Food to School: Also check with your child’s teacher if you are bringing in a Birthday Cake or other food, as steps must be taken to ensure that the anaphylactic child is not exposed to an allergen via this food source.

Kembla 2 Year 6 student All nuts * and seafood
Kembla 2 Year 5 student All nuts, sesame seeds
Nebo 3 Year 3 student Eggs
Keira 1 Year 2 student x 2 Tree nuts
Keira 1 Year 2 student Dairy, eggs
Keira 2 Year 2 student All nuts

*All Nuts include – Cashews, Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, Hazelnuts, Brazil, Peanuts, Macadamia, Pistachio, Pinenuts and Sesame Seeds.

Many thanks for your support to ensure the safety of our students.
UNIFORM SHOP
The school uniform shop is open every:
Wednesday 8.30-9.00am

MOUNT ST THOMAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION – AGENDA OF MEETING
11th February, 2015

Present: Keith, Rosemarie, Carol, Diane, Geoff, Kobe, Shellie, Christine, Karen, Deanne, Kelly, Michelle, Jo Anne

Apologies:

Meeting Opened: 7:10pm

Minutes of Previous P&C Meeting:
As per discussion regarding an ongoing audit process the minutes for the past meetings will ALL be accepted once books are returned from audit.

Business arising from Previous Minutes:
1. Vote to accept Carol Britton as Fundraising Book-keeper
   Moved: Deanne Seconded Rosemarie

2. Accept previous P&C minutes – October 2015 (Due to current Audit acceptance of minutes rolled over to next meeting).

3. Accept previous P&C minutes – November 2015 AGM 2015 (Due to current Audit acceptance of minutes rolled over to next meeting).

4. Accept previous P&C minutes – December 2015 (Due to current Audit acceptance of minutes rolled over to next meeting).

5. Student Representative Sponsorship accept proposal 2015 (Due to current Audit acceptance of minutes rolled over to next meeting).
   Moved: Deanne Seconded Rosemarie

Correspondence In/Out:
Commonwealth Bank Statement – Treasurer
Cadbury Chocolates – Fundraising Coordinator
SMART Gift Ideas – Fundraising Coordinator
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President’s Report
President has taken the opportunity of this meeting to thank everyone for all their assistance last year.

The family Fun Night all going to plan and will be on 13 March, 2015. P&C will be funding this night.

This year the P&C will be looking at (hopefully) obtaining some financial grants to assist in our commitments to the school.

The P&C Christmas Dinner last year has been generously paid for by 2 parties who wish to remain anonymous.
   Moved: Kobe Seconded: Danyelle

Principal’s Report
Welcome back to all our current P&C members and staff and a special welcome to new P&C members.

1. STAFFING
   • Welcome to new staff members:
     Mrs Kelly Judd – permanently appointed Classroom Teacher (Nebo 1 Yr 4). Many thanks to Ben for kindly giving his time last year to be the P&C Rep on merit selection panel.
     Mrs Helen Bush – permanent service transfer (Ousley 2 Yr 1)
     Mrs Fotula Nikiforidis – casual School Learning Support Officer.
   • Learning and Support Funding – reduced for 2015-2017.
     - From 3 ½ LS Teacher days to 3 LS Teacher days (reduction is due to determination of Student learning need Index based on NAPLAN results over past 3 years – our results are too high. - Other schools may have a higher no. of LS Teacher days, but their school will also have higher number of students with learning needs.
     - Additionally, I have employed a Learning and Support Teacher for an additional 1 day/week outside our Learning and Support Funding entitlement and I have used school funds to employ a School Learning and Support Officer for an additional ½ day to support our students.

2. CANTEEN OPERATOR
   Wednesday, Thursday and Friday ONLY.

3. MATHLETICS
   • This year all children K-6 will have an opportunity to participate in Mathletics. This is a web-based learning program which provides engaging learning opportunities in Maths for homework and classroom review and extension. Mathletics is syllabus based and is aligned to the New NSW Maths Syllabus.
     • The Mathletics Program will cost $4224 for the whole school to participate for 12 months. We will
use P&C funds to fund this initiative. Program beings in Week 4 or 5.

4. LEADERS’ INDUCTION ASSEMBLY
   • The Leaders’ Induction ceremony for School Captains, School Vic-Captains, house Captains and School Representative Council (SCR) representatives for 2015 will be held on Thursday, 19 February, 2015 at 9:30am in the School Hall.

5. THE ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
   • To be completed by end of March, 2015.

6. COMMUNITY WORKERS
   • Many thanks to Rosemarie and her merry “Working Bee” community members, who work so hard each week and during the holidays to make our school grounds and other areas of the school, so beautiful and a pleasure to learn, play and work in. Many thanks to them for all the other community work such as: K-2 BBQ, BBQ fundraisers, cleaning out storerooms, managing the archives, helping teachers move classes and many other thanks to support teachers, staff and students - their generous assistance is greatly appreciated by us all.

7. NEWSLETTERS
   • The Taronga Times Newsletter is published every 2 weeks, commencing Week 2. Parents can request to have the newsletter emailed or receive a paper copy. Families can also access the newsletter via the Skoolbag app.

8. ASSET MANAGEMENT
   • Public Schools Upgrade program – Applied for funding – 2 projects successful;
   • Concertina doors in Nebo 1 and Nebo 2 – refurbished $12,000.
   • Drummond Roof to be replaced $60,000.

9. VISION SCREENING – Illawarra Health
   • Kindergarten – Tuesday, 17 March 9:30am. Notes to go home 20 February.

10. TECHNOLOGY UPDATE
    • Laptops – to be allocated. Additional to desk top with IWB.
    • 10 iPads for Kinder/Year 1
    • 3-4 netbooks for Years 5 and 6.
    • 13 new Desktop Computers in School lab – replaced older computers (Older computers spread around classrooms)

11. SCRIPTURE / ETHICS CLASSES
    • Begin Week 3
    • Ethics – Years 1 & 2, 5 & 6
    • Waiting List.

12. WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS 2016 YEAR 7 AUDITIONS
    • An Information package and Application Form for enrolment at WHSPA in 2016 as a Performing Arts students available now.

13. SCHOOL / COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND UPDATE
    • Finally last Friday, 5 Feb received an email response from the Wollongong Council giving us written confirmation that “Wollongong City Council will no longer be able to provide assistance in the maintenance of your school playground. Council is currently installing a new playground in nearby Mangerton Park that the community will have access to.
    • As a result, future control and responsibility of the playground equipment now falls to our school – this equipment is no longer a Community Resource.
    • On Tuesday (10 Feb) we received a quote to have the Platform and bolts on rope replaced and installed: Cost $871.20.
    • We also requested that the equipment be checked for other problems. TBA
    • Repairs have been scheduled for later this week. If repairs are completed, in the short term, we will open the Playground on Monday 16 Feb.

14. CHILD PROTECTION LESSONS
    • As part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in Child Protection lessons throughout the year.
    • These lessons will help children to identify dangerous or uncomfortable situations, and to seek help from trustworthy adults. Some lessons may involve naming of parts of the body.
    • The child protection lessons have been developed by the Department of Education and Communities and they are an important priority for schools. All lessons are graded according to the age of the children in the class.

15. ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM
    • Anti-bullying Plan updated.
    • Feedback Survey for Parents and Community. Only received 9 responses, but has been on website for over 6 weeks for community feedback. Responses very positive.
    • Anti-Bullying Liaison Officers (teachers): students to select a staff member that students feel comfortable talking to and coming to with problems.
    • Drop Box: Bright coloured Kids Voice’ box – students can voice their ideas and thoughts.
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- Bully steps: Class Competition to rename them, each class comes up with one best name, whole school votes on 12 finalists.
- Ice blocks for class who wins.
- EduYouTopia – Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and 3 later this year.
- Parent workshop will be available again.

16. HOW TO MAKE PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT (POP)
In response to parent requests, the Department of Education and Communities has made it possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make a payment.

When you access the $Make a payment you must enter:
- the student’s name, and
- class and reference number Or
- the student’s name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment, as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your cred/debit card details are captured in a secure manner; these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipt can be emailed and / or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school, where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

Important:
Parents need to record the receipt number on the permission note and return it to the school. Students are unable to attend the school activity without a signed permission note.

Moved: Kobe                               Seconded: Carol

General Discussion:
Kobe had questions regarding the gymnastics program previously run at school and why it wasn’t run last year. Christine Schnebli explained the process of sports activities and the matter was resolved. Kelly Judd and Deanne raised the issue regarding basketball singlets for the school teams to wear. A general consensus of those present decided that this was needed and Nicole would speak to supplier regarding this.

Business arising for next meeting:
Further discussion regarding the purchase of basketball shirts for the school’s basketball teams.

Treasurer’s Report:
Consolidation accounts for best interest rates will be looked into again for 2015. Before Christmas 2014 this was done and extra interest earned was $120.00. Nicole in discussion with auditor.
Moved: Diane                               Seconded: Keith

Uniform Shop Report:
Nicole has thanked Shellie and Kobe for assisting in the uniform shop. Nicole to meet with DICKSONS regarding girls winter tunics. Approx balance for Uniform account is $2000.00.

Fundraising Treasurer’s Report:
Fundraising Calendar completed for 2015. Approximately $50 balance.

Agenda Items:
CARE/WELCOME PACKAGES to new refugee families of Mount St Thomas Public School. Michelle Jolly purchased items to be reimbursed by P&C.
Moved: Nicole                              Seconded: Deanne

Next Meeting: 11 March, 2015

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:
PLANTS AND VEGIES FOR SALE
Lovely fresh plants and vegies from our school garden are available to buy from the office with all fundraising proceeds supporting our environment.
Currently we have…..
* Mixed plants - $2.00 each
* Strawberry & Rosemary plants – only $1.00
* Frangipanni plants – only $2.00, $3.00 & $4.00 each

2015 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
The NATIONAL CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY will be held on Sunday March 1. All families would be most welcome to clean up our beaches and parks. I will again be at City Beach and look forward to seeing you all there, so put this date in your calendar.

C. Davis - Environment Co-ordinator
**ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:**
We are continuing our weekly Wednesday Gardening Group to maintain and improve our grounds. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us, especially our new Kindy families.

**WHEN:** every Wednesday 9:00am – 11:00am.
**WHO:** parents, grandparents, friends, relatives, neighbours, etc. Anyone with a spare hour or two!
Come and help make our school even more beautiful for our students and the community, join a friendly group and meet great people! There will be regular reports and updates in the school newsletter.

Last year’s wonderful group put in a massive 729 volunteer hours in our school environment. A fantastic achievement. Come and join us, you will be most welcome.

Please fill in the interest form below and return to the office. For more information ring me on 42297010.

See you there!
*Rosemarie Bowden – Garden Coordinator*

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Dear Mrs Bowden

I am interested in helping with the Wednesday environmental group at school.

NAME:____________________________________

CONTACT No.:________________________

CHILD:____________________________________

CLASS:_________________

CONTACT No.:________________________

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**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**FOOTBALL 5s STREET SOCCER**

FREE ENTRY & MEMBERSHIP PROVIDED

**EVERY SATURDAY**

**6PM TO 9PM**

**FEB 28TH TO MARCH 28TH**

**AGES 11 +**

**REGISTER NOW**

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INDIVIDUALS WELCOME AS WE WILL PLACE YOU INTO TEAMS ON THE FIRST NIGHT

**DINNER PROVIDED**

**TRANSPORT AVAILABLE**

**PRE-REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL**
The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. TAFE fees and concessions apply.


Please contact the Outreach unit on 42290149.

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**Tuesday & Thursday from 17th February 2015**

*Sid Parrish Park 4pm – 5pm*

Bring a friend to register

All new players need to bring along the following:
Birth Certificate or Passport, and of course a parent to sign for them

Cost is $80.00 per player includes:
Registration & CRL Insurance
Shorts & Socks

For any enquiries please contact any of the following:

Brad Reh (President) 0421 509 665
Sam Baldock (Secretary) 0419 989 959
Leann Andrews (Wests Sports Liaison Officer) 0412 727 682